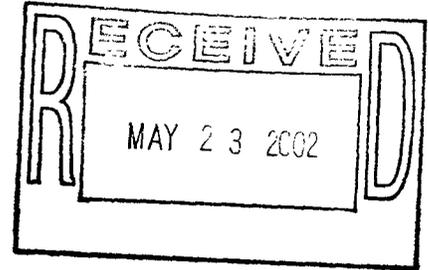




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May 14, 2002



Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30-day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on the Vitamin E supplements under the ShopRite brand name:

- Vitamin E is a powerful antioxidant that fights free radicals.
- Studies have shown that oxidative stress caused by free radicals may contribute to aging.
- Vitamin E also promotes immune function and helps support cardiovascular health.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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